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Mr. Richard Salant
President, CBS News
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Salant,

Having seen and heard the first three of your four-part series allegedly reviewing the Warren Report, I have no hesitancy in now telling you it is the most inaccurate, the most intendedly false representation of its kind.

The nature and magnitude of the error that cannot but have been known to be entirely false to your writers makes inevitable the conclusion CBS designed it this way. The inference that pre-determined conclusions were ordained from above is unavoidable, for it is inconceivable that of all the men you had working on this, all could do nothing but write falsely.

This is an imposition on your listeners, a national disservice, and a prostitution of the press. It is shameful that you do such a thing.

To deliberate falsehood you have added deliberate misrepresentation, and with these you have mixed conclusions not in any sense warranted by even that distillation of lies you dished up.

What you have done is an additional national scandal, as though the assassination and the fraudulent Report were not enough.

Shame on you, personally and collectively.

In the remote possibility all of this happened without your knowledge and consent, I make you this offer: I will sit down with you and any or all of those responsible for this awful thing you have done, in front of a tape recorder, and as you replay this series I will tell you of each lie, misrepresentation, distortion and careful selection that amounts to a lie or misrepresentation.

I write this in haste. As I do, it occurs to me that it would be better to make this a challenge to you, so I do.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg